

November 18, 2004

Lisa M. Thorne
Vice President
Verizon New Hampshire
900 Elm Street, Suite 1927
Manchester, NH 03101-2008

Re: DT 04-195, Verizon New Hampshire
Special Contract with Southern New Hampshire Medical Center

Dear Ms. Thorne:

On October 19, 2004, Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 378:18(b), a Special Contract with Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. In support of the filing, Verizon submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Commission Staff reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and advised Verizon on November 10, 2004 that the filing was deficient in that it lacked adequate cost information and the Service Agreement was incorrect. Verizon submitted an updated filing on November 12, 2004. Staff recommends that the effective date of the Special Contract be extended by 30 days to December 17, 2004 in order to allow Staff adequate time to conduct a review of the updated information provided by Verizon.

Pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(b), "[t]he commission may, in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, extend the effective date of the special contract by 30 days." The Commission therefore believes it is reasonable to extend the effective date of the Special Contract by 30 days to December 17, 2004.

Very truly yours,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary